[4th February 1963

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS APPROPRIATION BILL, 1963.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg leave to introduce the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1963.

MR. SPEAKER: The question is—

"That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1963."

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER: The Bill is introduced.

(2) THE MADRAS URBAN LAND TAX BILL, 1963
(L.A. BILL No. 2 OF 1963.)

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Mr. Speaker, Sir, I move—

"That the Madras Urban Land Tax Bill, 1963* (L.A. Bill No. 2 of 1963), be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following 15 Members of the Assembly:—

1. The Hon. Sri M. Bhaktavatsalam.
2. The Hon. Sri V. Ramaiah.
3. Sri K. S. G. Haja Sheriff.
4. Srimathi T. N. Anandanayaki.
5. Sri V. Sankaran.
6. Sri G. Venkataraman.
7. Sri G. E. Chinnadurai.
8. Sri T. P. Ehumalai.
9. Sri Kanchi Manimozhiyar.
10. Sri M. S. Mani.
11. Sri Saw Ganesan.
12. Sri T. L. Sasivarna Thevar.
13. Sri P. Ramachandran.
14. Sri N. Subramaniam Chettiar.
15. Pulavar K. Govindan.

In moving the motion, I would like to say a few words regarding the circumstances that led to the introduction of this Bill.

While the assessment on the agricultural lands in rural areas, has been settled on well defined principles, there has been no attempt to have a rational system of taxation of the lands, in Madras City and within the limits of other municipal towns in the State. The system of revenue assessment in Madras City, is

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